

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 741

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Josie Mae Scott on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Josie Mae Scott celebrated her 100th birthday on January 3, 2004, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Irene McCollum Craft and Joseph M. Craft, she was born in 1904 in Gibson County and has for many years been a highly respected member of the Carroll County community; and

WHEREAS, devoted to maintaining the highest of family values, Josie Mae Scott and Hollis Scott raised four cherished children, Hollis Scott, Jr., James Allen Scott, Thelma Sawyers, and Melvin Scott; and

WHEREAS, as she enters her 11th decade, Mrs. Scott is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, she proudly states that the secret of her long life is her relationship with the Lord, whom she has served for all her life as a devout Christian; and

WHEREAS, a woman of countless talents, she taught herself to play the organ and played at the first service of the Colonial Baptist Church, where she was a charter member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scott additionally possesses a singular command of the English language, having penned a book, *Age Three to Ninety -- Memories*, and numerous poems, including "Getting Older"; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 1993, she was named Poet Laureate of Grace Baptist Church;
and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of
Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONCURRING, that we join the family and friends of Mrs. Josie Mae Scott in celebrating her
100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes to her in her continued endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.